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REPORT ON PROGRESS OF HARVESTING IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

With the exception of flaxseed, an estimated 90 per cent or more of this year's grain crops in each of the Prairie Provinces had been cut by October 3. Results of a survey conducted by the Bureau and Provincial Departments of Agriculture indicated that, for the Prairies as a whole, 98 per cent of the rye, 95 per cent of the wheat and barley, 92 per cent of the oats and 65 per cent of the flaxseed had been cut or swathed by October 3. Proportions threshed were somewhat smaller, with rye averaging 95 per cent, wheat 84, barley 77, oats 70, and flaxseed 55 per cent. Generally speaking, threshing progress was furthest advanced in Manitoba and, with the exception of flaxseed, least advanced in Alberta.

Estimated percentages of the various grains cut and threshed, respectively, in each of the Prairie Provinces as at October 3, 1953 were as follows: Manitoba - wheat (98, 92); oats (97, 89); barley (96, 88); rye (99, 97); and flaxseed (72, 64); Saskatchewan - wheat (95, 88); oats (91, 75); barley (93, 82); rye (98, 97); and flaxseed (55, 43); Alberta - wheat (94, 72); oats (90, 53); barley (95, 67); rye (98, 90); and flaxseed (68, 54). Generally excellent harvesting conditions have prevailed over the Prairie Provinces since October 3 and, with relatively minor exceptions, the western grain harvest should be completed within the next few days.

Estimated Progress of Harvesting in the Prairie Provinces as at October 3, 1953

Province and Crop	Area Seeded	Proportion and Area of Crop Cut*		Proportion and Area of Crop Threshed**	
	acres	%	acres	%	acres
<u>Manitoba</u>					
Wheat .....	2,208,000	98	2,170,000	92	2,030,000
Oats .....	1,412,000	97	1,370,000	89	1,260,000
Barley .....	2,365,000	96	2,280,000	88	2,070,000
Rye .....	104,200	99	103,000	97	101,000
Flaxseed .....	500,000	72	360,000	64	320,000
<u>Saskatchewan</u>					
Wheat .....	16,100,000	95	15,300,000	88	14,100,000
Oats .....	2,721,000	91	2,480,000	75	2,050,000
Barley .....	2,745,000	93	2,560,000	82	2,250,000
Rye .....	816,000	98	800,000	97	790,000
Flaxseed .....	342,000	55	187,000	43	146,000
<u>Alberta</u>					
Wheat .....	6,340,000	94	5,970,000	72	4,540,000
Oats .....	2,357,000	90	2,120,000	53	1,240,000
Barley .....	3,489,000	95	3,300,000	67	2,340,000
Rye .....	460,000	98	453,000	90	416,000
Flaxseed .....	148,000	68	100,000	54	80,000
<u>Prairie Provinces</u>					
Wheat .....	24,648,000	95	23,440,000	84	20,670,000
Oats .....	6,490,000	92	5,970,000	70	4,550,000
Barley .....	8,599,000	95	8,140,000	77	6,660,000
Rye .....	1,380,200	98	1,356,000	95	1,307,000
Flaxseed .....	990,000	65	647,000	55	546,000

\*Includes swathing.

\*\*Includes combining.



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Progress of Harvesting of Wheat, Oats and Barley in the Prairie Provinces,  
by Crop Districts, as at October 3, 1953

Province and Crop District	Estimated Percentage of Cutting* Completed			Estimated Percentage of Threshing** Completed		
	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Wheat	Oats	Barley
<u>Manitoba</u>						
1	100	100	99	99	97	98
2	100	100	99	98	97	96
3	99	99	98	96	94	93
4	99	99	98	96	94	93
5	100	99	99	92	91	88
6	100	99	100	99	97	97
7	100	99	100	95	95	97
8	100	100	100	97	92	93
9	96	95	95	90	85	84
10	99	98	99	80	84	82
11	94	85	89	81	72	73
12	93	92	93	75	77	79
13	86	79	82	62	45	51
14	86	76	73	70	64	55
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
1	99	90	99	86	78	83
2	99	94	99	92	89	97
3	99	98	98	98	94	98
4	97	91	90	93	85	88
5	92	93	94	69	67	73
6	92	84	91	92	72	90
7	99	100	99	96	93	94
8	81	72	78	61	43	64
9	94	97	98	82	78	82
<u>Alberta</u>						
1	99	99	100	98	98	98
2	98	95	95	90	83	87
3A	94	95	94	93	89	90
3B	97	81	94	76	58	72
4	98	96	98	64	65	78
5	95	91	97	88	80	91
6	97	93	97	56	53	70
7	91	87	93	84	74	85
8	95	92	96	50	47	62
9	100	98	99	46	47	64
10	90	89	95	70	60	77
11	95	89	93	57	42	63
12	100	98	100	53	42	57
13	95	91	94	75	64	74
14	94	90	92	28	27	44
15	77	83	85	42	40	55
16	75	77	91	40	40	70
17	49	70	86	39	55	78

\*Includes swathing. \*\*Includes combining.

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